

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	MAIL STOP RCE
Jeffrey Richard Conrad et al.	Group Art Unit: 2154
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 17, 2006, a Request for Continued Examination having been timely filed herewith, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 and 10-19 remain pending in the application.

In numbered paragraph 3, page 2 of the final Office Action, independent claims 1, 15 and 16, along with various dependent claims, are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,796,736 (Suzuki). In numbered paragraph 8, page 4 of the final Office Action, dependent claims 3-7 and 17-19 are rejected as being unpatentable over the Suzuki patent, further in view of U.S. Patent 5,926,463 (Ahearn et al.). In numbered paragraph 11, page 4 of the final Office Action, dependent claims 11 and 12 are rejected as being unpatentable over the Suzuki patent, further in view of asserted Official Notice. In numbered paragraph 13, page 5 of the final Office Action, dependent claim 13 is rejected as being unpatentable over the Suzuki patent. These rejections are respectfully traversed.